

Serial No. 09/823,045

a lower portion, said overwrap comprised of dissimilar materials such that said upper portion comprising a liquid permeable material selected from the group consisting of open mesh webs, polymeric nets, and apertured films and said lower portion comprising a liquid impermeable material selected from the group consisting of thin films and coated fabrics, said upper and lower portions joined to form a container for said absorbent material, said lower portion contacting walls of said vaginal cavity and said absorbent structure comprising absorbent material.

10. (Amended) An absorbent device of claim 2, wherein said fibrous material is compressed.

20. (Amended) An absorbent device of claim 18, wherein said bottom portion has extending therefrom a body withdrawal mechanism.

24. (Amended) An absorbent device of claim 1, further comprising a strengthening ring, said ring capable of opening said portion.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-29 were originally filed in the application to which the present case claims priority. These claims have been rejected under various rejections. As outlined above, Claims 1, 10, 20, and 24 have been amended. Therefore, Claims 1, 10, 20, and 24 are pending in this application, 1, 10, 20, and 24.

The amended claims are fully supported in the specification as originally filed. In particular, the newly added language in Claim 1 is supported in the specification at page 5, lines 12-13, and at page 7, lines 16-19. The amendments to Claims 10 and 24 merely rephrase existing language. The amendment to Claim 20 adds missing punctuation.